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SUBJECT: GOV PROPOSED GIFT OF SCULPTURE TO THE UNITED STATE

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FROM H/ARA AND ARA/AND/V CALLED ON VENEZUELAN MINISTER-COUNSELOR PAPARONI AND CULTURAL ATTACHE PALACIOS ON AUGUST 27 TO INFORM THEM OF SMITHSONIAN ENTHUSIASM TO RECEIVE OTERO SCULPTURE AND LIKELIHOOD OF LOCATING IT ON MALL. SUCH ACCEPTANCE WAS ARRANGED THROUGH INTERVENTION OF SPEAKER OF HOUSE, REQUIRES NO ACT OF CONGRESS, AND ENTAILS PRIME LOCATION NOT COVERED BY AN ACT (I.E. PERTAINING TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE).

2. MINISTER-COUNSELOR THOUGHT THIS WOULD INDEED BE ACCEPTABLE, SAID THAT HE WOULD CABLE GOV IMMEDIATELY, AND SUGGESTED THAT NEXT STEP WOULD BE FOR OTERO TO DISCUSS RANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH SMITHSONIAN, IF GOV APPROVES. PROMISED PAPARONI THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO HIM THIS WEEK IDENTITY OF SMITHSONIAN OFFICE CHARGED WITH PROJECT AND DATES WHEN THAT OFFICE WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE OTERO, HOPEFULLY SEPTEMBER. WE NOTED THAT A FORMAL OFFER WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

3. COMMENT: THIS TOO LONG DELAYED PROJECT JUST MAY BE
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